



COUNCILMEMBER CARL DEMaIO

FIFTH DISTRICT

CITY OF SAN DIEGO

March 30, 2012

Harry Mathis, Chair
Metropolitan Transit System
Board of Directors
1255 Imperial Avenue, Suite 1000
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Chairman Mathis & Board of Directors,

I strongly encourage you to reconsider your recent vote to increase the compensation of your chief executive by \$20,000.

San Diego County is currently facing over 9% unemployment and rising fuel costs, with increasing numbers of San Diegans relying on public transportation to move throughout the region. At the same time, MTS has struggled financially, raised rates, and cut service routes.

The most prudent move is not to boost your CEO's compensation over \$429,000 per year, but rather to focus on restoring services which have been cut.

Your CEO's compensation, which includes lifetime health benefits, an auto allowance, almost eleven weeks of vacation time per year, and a salary over \$300,000, is exactly the kind of excessive government employee benefit that San Diego taxpayers have demanded reform of, particularly as San Diego families continue to struggle to make ends meet.

I strongly encourage you and the MTS Board to reconsider your decision at your April 19th meeting.

Sincerely,

Carl DeMaio
Councilmember
City of San Diego, District 5